GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1067
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PRODUCTION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS BY PAKISTAN
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is engaged in production of chemical weapons with the assistance from China and other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the chemical weapons possessed by Pakistan as on date;

(d) the details of other hardware supplied to Pakistan by China;

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Indian Government to highlight the issue of transfer of technology and weapons by China to Pakistan; and

(f) the extent to which the Government have been successful in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)
(a) to (c) Pakistan is a state party to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) which prohibits all states parties from developing, producing or otherwise acquiring, stockpiling or retaining chemical weapons. As per provisions of the Convention, Pakistanhas filed a declaration stating that it had neither developed in the past nor does it hold any stocks of chemical weapons.
(d) to (f) Government closely monitors all developments related to research, development and acquisition of armaments, including weapons of mass destruction, by Pakistan. Government is also aware of transfers by China to Pakistan of missiles and missile technology, equipment and technology relating to nuclear weapons and cooperation in the field of conventional armaments. Government has in its bilateral dialogues with key countries conveyed its concerns regarding such transfers and their adverse impact on India`s security environment. Government remains fully committed to taking all necessary steps to effectively safeguard India`s security and national interest in accordance with its own threat perception.